

SAMUEL AND MARY REID LINDSAY

Samuel Lindsay was born March 3, 1851, in Lanacshire, Scotland, to William and Christinia Howe Lindsay. He was fifth in a family of nine.

His father was killed in a mine accident in 1861.

In the spring of 1862 his widowed mother and family of eight made plans to come to Utah. They left Kilmarnock on April 19, 1862, and sailed from Liverpool April 22, landing in New York on June 4. They traveled on to Florence, Nebraska, where they waited for ox teams to take them to Utah, arriving in Heber on September 21, 1862.

Mary Reid was born October 23, 1851, in Glasgow Ayr, Scotland, to James and Elizabeth Cummings Reid. She was the third child in a family of nine. Her parents and four children left Scotland for America in 1856, crossing the plains with the James G. Willie handcart company. They arrived in Salt Lake on November 9, 1856, after enduring many hardships and suffering from exposure. Mary, a child of five years, walked all the way.

They moved to Heber Valley in the fall of 1862 and later were called to help settle Cache Valley.

Mary returned to Heber and worked for various people, doing general housework.

Samuel Lindsay and Mary Reid were married December 31, 1871, in Heber. To that union were born the following children: William C., James Reid, Margaret and Georgina. They homesteaded a plot in Center Creek. Samuel worked part-time in the mines in Park City to earn the necessary means to provide for his family and while there, in 1880 he contracted an illness which caused his sudden death on July 27, 1880.

The same pioneer faith and determination that helped them cross the plains made it possible for Mary to carry on now in her time of grief. With the help of her children, she made a brave struggle, with no complaint and with a grateful heart for any kindness shown her by friends and relatives.

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In 1887 she was married to William Murdoch, a widower, who had arrived from Scotland in 1878 and had located in Lake Creek. His family, two sons and two daughters, were all married. They were: James D., David L., Margaret Adamson and Janet Baird.

William and Mary had three children, namely: William Louis, Mary Murray and Lizzabelle.

They sold their Lake Creek property and moved to Heber, where they lived many years.

William Murdoch passed away in March, 1913, and was buried in the city cemetery in Heber, Utah.

Mary was again called to mourn the loss of loved ones in the death of her daughter, Margaret Lindsay Burt, in January, 1916, and again in the death of her daughter Mary in November, 1918. After this sorrow she felt it best to sell her home and move to Idaho, to be near her children and other relatives.

She passed away at Lorenzo, Idaho, in June, 1929, and burial was made in the city cemetery at Heber, Utah.

WILLIAM MURDOCH



William Murdoch was born in Gaswater Ayr, Scotland, on July 3, 1825, to James and Mary Murray Murdoch. He was the youngest child in a family of eight. He married Mary Reid Lindsay in 1887, widow of Samuel Lindsay, Margret Lennox in Scotland. She died in Scotland.

His father died when he was six years of age and, like others in his family, had to find work to assist his widowed mother. His schooling was a short time in winter months between the ages of six and 13.

His first job was herding sheep on the bonnie heather hills near his home. He had learned to knit, so carried his work with him as he herded the sheep, making socks for himself and other members of the family. He continued this hobby throughout his 88 years.

At the age of 16 he went into the coal mines at Muirkirk and later became underground manager for the Eglinton Coal & Iron Works at Muirkirk. He held this position many years. In 1846 he was married to Janet Lennox, and to that union were born five children.

He joined the Church in 1876. All other members of his family already had joined the Church, except James D., who was in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1877 they left Muirkirk and moved to Kilmarnock to make preparations to come to America. It was here that his wife Janet passed away. Her body was taken to Muirkirk and laid beside that of her daughter Elizabeth, who was buried there in 1864.

Letters of encouragement came regularly from his brother, John M., and a sister, Mary M. Mair, who, with their families,

had left Scotland for Utah some years previous.

In the spring of 1878 final preparations were made for the journey to Utah. David L. had married Elizabeth P. Thyne. They both had joined the Church and had planned accompanying his father. John Adamson, engaged to Margaret, also was in the party. Jennie, the youngest daughter, and Veronica M. Caldow, a sister of William, came along, too.

They sailed from Liverpool May 24, 1878, on the ship "Nevada." Without any serious trouble they landed in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. June 13, 1878. They stayed that night at the Valley House and next morning were met by Uncle John, William Giles, and William Lindsay, who had come with teams and wagons to escort them to Heber City. It required one long day to make the trip. They made their home with Uncle John until they could find houses to rent. Their first home in Utah was a log room with a lean-to shack attached. It belonged to Thomas Giles. Aunt Veronica later married Mr. Giles.

About a year after their arrival father bought some land five and one-half miles east of Heber, on Lake Creek. He had houses built and began to clear the sage, fence the land, and put in crops of hay, grain, potatoes, etc. He soon acquired the American way of doing things and made a good farmer, considering he had spent over 30 years in the coal mines. He had some money when he reached Utah and was able to hire some work done until he could learn how to do it. He was able also to equip his place with stock and a few implements. He assisted in making the first canal to bring water to the Lake Creek area.

He had chosen America as his home and was eager to become a citizen. He worked hard to accomplish this desire and on March 18, 1884, received his papers and became a registered citizen of the United States of America, Territory of Utah.

In the spring of 1887 he married Mary Reid Lindsay (widow of Samuel Lindsay, with four children). They lived on the farm at Lake Creek a few years, later selling it and moving to Heber City. Here he bought 10 acres of hay land in the north field, and a house and about an acre of

ground in Heber. He had pasture for two cows, chickens, and pigs, and space for a large garden. He raised all the vegetables needed for his family and as well kept a few hives of bees.

A High Priest and highly respected by all who knew him, he was industrious and left a record for honesty and sincerity excelled by none. Although he was slow to accept the gospel, once he did he was perfectly satisfied of its truth and was ready and willing to defend its principles at all times.

He died March 12, 1913, at the age of 88. He was the father of eight children, five by his first marriage, four of whom came to Utah. Children: James D., David L., Margaret (Mrs. John Adamson), Jennie (Mrs. William Baird). He had three children by his second marriage: William, Louis, Mary Murray, and Lizzabelle (Mrs. Hugh Davis).

After his death and followed by the death of his daughter, Mary Murray, in November of 1918, his wife Mary moved to Idaho to be near her children there and her two sisters and a brother. She died there June 22, 1929, and was brought to Heber for burial beside her first husband, Samuel Lindsay. She, too, had led a long and useful life. As a child she had left Scotland with her parents and had traveled by handcart in the same year as our "Wee Grannie" Murdoch in the ill-fated Martin-Willey companies in 1856.